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Letter dated 24 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you of the position of the Republic of Slovenia concerning the annex to the letter dated 8 March 1995 addressed to you by Ambassador Dragomir Djokić (A/50/93-E/1995/16).

The fact of extinction of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, authoritatively stated by the Security Council in its resolution 777 (1992), dictates the conclusion that all of its successor States are new States and that none of them can continue the personality of the extinct former State. Concurrent with this view are the relevant opinions of the Arbitration Commission of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia, particularly those confirming the disintegration and extinction of the former Yugoslavia, as well as the equality of its successor States. The validity of these opinions is not questionable since the Arbitration Commission represents an organ of the International Conference whose powers and functions were accepted by all States participating in the Conference.

In the light of these facts, the attempts by the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" to present itself as a predecessor State and as continuing the personality of the former Yugoslavia with respect to international treaties are unfounded and absurd and have to be rejected.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 114 (a) of the preliminary list, and of the Economic and Social Council, under the item entitled "Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: human rights questions".

(Signed) Danilo TÜRK
Permanent Representative